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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 12 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A card-edge connector assembly, comprising:
a connector having a slot therein to receive an edge portion of a card; and
a lever mechanism movably coupled to the connector and having an engaging surface
adapted positioned on the lever mechanism to apply a lever force on the card during insertion of
the card in the slot of the connector,
wherein the engaging surface is adapted to contact a contact surface on the card.
2. (canceled).
3. (previously amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the engaging surface includes a
surface defined by a protuberance.
4. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the card is a memory card.
5. (previously amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the lever mechanism includes a
lever pivotally coupled with the connector via a pivot positioned near a base end of the lever.
6. (previously amended) The assembly of claim 5, wherein the engaging surface is located
on a middle portion of the lever.

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7. (previously amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the lever mechanism includes a contact surface adapted to be moved from a first open position to a second closed position, and wherein the contact surface moves a greater distance than a distance traveled by the engaging surface when the lever mechanism is moved from the first open position to the second closed position.
8. (previously amended) The assembly of claim 1, further comprising:
an ejector attached to a base end of the lever mechanism to remove from the slot the card inserted therein when the lever mechanism is moved from a closed position to an open position.
9. (previously amended) The assembly of claim 1, further comprising:
a locking mechanism coupled with a lever to lock the lever in a closed position.
10. (previously amended) The assembly of claim 9, wherein the locking mechanism is adapted to emit an audible sound as it locks into place.
11. (currently amended) A method comprising:
positioning a bottom edge of a card in a slot formed in a card-edge connector such that a first contact surface on a side edge of the card is positioned to contact an engaging surface of a lever mechanism pivotally coupled with the connector; and
actuating the lever mechanism; and
moving the card into the slot by moving a contact surface of the lever mechanism from a first position to a second position

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12. (canceled).

13. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 11, further comprising:
removing the card from the slot by moving the lever mechanism from the second position to the first position.

14. (currently amended) An electrical assembly, comprising:
a connector having a slot therein to receive a card;
a first case attached to a first end of the connector, the first case having first and second opposing planar surfaces defining a channel therebetween, and having a hole formed in each planar surface;
a lever mechanism having a first end, a base end, and a middle portion, the lever mechanism having a contact surface movable by a user between a first position and a second position;
an ejector attached to the base end of the lever;
an engaging surface attached to a surface of the lever mechanism above the ejector to engage a contact surface on the card during insertion of the card in the slot; and
a first and second pivots attached to a first and second sides of the lever, respectively, proximate the middle portion of the lever mechanism.

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15. (previously amended) The electrical assembly of claim 14, wherein the lever mechanism is pivotally coupled with the connector by insertion of the first pivot in the hole in the first planar surface of the first case and insertion of the second pivot in the hole in the second planar surface of the first case.

16. (previously amended) The electrical assembly of claim 14, wherein the engaging surface includes a surface defined by a protuberance.

17. (previously amended) The electrical assembly of claim 16, wherein the ejector includes a protuberance to engage a bottom edge of the card.

18. (original) The electrical assembly of claim 14, wherein the lever mechanism is made of plastic.

19. (original) The electrical assembly of claim 14, further comprising:
a printed circuit board attached to a bottom surface of the connector.